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HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill Gates Foundation, Richard Gere Foundation and Clinton Foundation, are running in India HIV/AIDS programmes;

(b) if so, the terms of reference (TOR) for working in India in this field;

(c) the amount spent by these foundations till date; and

(d) their plan of investment in future, the amount to be invested and tenure of their programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) The TOR for the working of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in India includes focused prevention amongst the highly vulnerable populations, such as, the Injecting Drug Users, Sex workers, and their clients in the six high prevalence States, that is Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Manipur and Nagaland; and the National Highways 2-9. Bill and Melinda Gates foundation is supporting grants in the areas of communications, advocacy, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation and knowledge building.

The TOR of Clinton Foundation includes cooperation in development and implementation of comprehensive plans for scaling up of prevention of HIV/AIDS, care & support and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS in India.

The Gere Foundation India Trust is running a three year national initiative called the Heroes Project. The Project seeks to harness India`s communication power and potential to address the speread of HIV/AIDS and reduce stigma and discrimination, by influencing public perception and policy through Mass Media and Advocacy.

(c) The amount disbursed by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation so far to their grantees in India is US $ 32.2 million out of which US $ 15.4 million has been spent by these grantees till 1st December, 2004.

The Heroes Project of the Gere Foundation India Trust has spent Rs. 2,22,58,250/- till 20th December, 2004.

(d) The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has planned to invest US $ 200 million over a period of five years to help control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India.

The Clinton Foundation has so far not communicated the total amount of assistance that they will provide. The Clinton Foundation has stated that they will endeavor to support Government of India in whatever ways the Indian Government requests.

The Heroes Project of the Gere Foundation India Trust plans to invest US $ 2.00 million over the tenure of Project 2004-2007.